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Re: New U.S. Patent Application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) – Bernhard Dürr, et al

VALVE DRIVE HAVING A ROCKER ARM

Sir:

1. Please find enclosed herewith for filing: 18 pages specification, 4 pages (14) claims, 1 page abstract, and 7 pages, 20 figures, drawings in support of the above identified application.
2. It is respectfully requested that this application be granted the priority date of September 02, 2000, the filing date of the corresponding German patent application 100 43 234.4, a copy of which will be filed at a later date.
3. Filing fees will be submitted with a subsequent submission.

Respectfully,

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